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# **Technical Information**

# Antibiotic Assay Medium No.20 (Yeast Beef Broth)

### Product Code: DM 1167

Application: Antibiotic Assay Medium No. 20 is used for the microbiological assay of Amphotericin B using Candida tropicalis.

| Composition**  |             |
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| Ingredients  | Gms / Litre |
| Casein enzymic hydrolysate                           | 10.000      |
| Peptic digest of animal tissue (Peptone)             | 5.000       |
| Yeast extract  | 6.500       |
| Beef extract   | 1.500       |
| Dextrose   | 11.000      |
| Sodium chloride                                      | 3.500       |
| Dipotassium phosphate                                | 3.680       |
| Monopotassium phosphate                              | 1.320       |
| Final pH ( at 25°C)                                  | 6.6±0.2     |
| **Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance | parameters  |

## **Principle & Interpretation**

Antibiotic Assay media are used in the performance of antibiotic assays. Grove and Randall have published details of those antibiotic assays and media in international journal on antibiotic assays <sup>(1).</sup> The use of antibiotic assay medium for the liquid formulation used in the performance of antibiotic assay has also been reported other worker <sup>(2)</sup>. These media are prepared according to the USP <sup>(3)</sup> FDA <sup>(4)</sup> guidelines Antibiotic Assay Medium No. 20 is used for turbidometric assay of Amphotericin B using *Candida tropicalis* ATCC 13803 as test organism. This medium is also known as Yeast beef broth. This medium is also used in assaying mycostatic activity in pharmaceutical related preparations. High nutritional content like peptic digest of animal tissue, yeast extract, beef extract and casein enzymic hydrolysate provides excellent medium for growth of *Candida tropicalis*. Dextrose provides carbon and energy for growth of the organism. Osmotic equilibrium to maintain cell intergrity and viability is provided by sodium chloride, while phosphate functions to provide proper buffering action. Turbidimetric antibiotic assay is based on the change or inhibition of growth of a test microorganims in a liquid medium containing a uniform concentration of an antibiotic.After incubation of the test organism in the working dilutions of the antibiotics, the amount of growth is determined by measuring the light transmittance using spectophotometer. The concentration of antibiotic is determined by comparing amounts of growth obtained with that given by the reference standard solutions. Use of this method is appropriate only when test samples are colourless.

## Methodology

Suspend 42.5 grams of powder media in 1000 ml distilled water. Shake well and heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize

by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool and dispense as desired.

# **Quality Control**

Physical Appearance Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Colour and Clarity of prepared medium Medium amber coloured clear solutiion

Reaction

Reaction of 4.25% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH : 6.6±0.2





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pH Range:- 6.40-6.80

#### Cultural Response/Characteristics

DM1167: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18-48 hours.

**Organism** Candida tropicalis ATCC luxuriant13803 Growth

## Storage and Shelf Life

Dried Media: Store below 30°C in tightly closed container and use before expiry date as mentioned on the label. Prepared Media: 2-8<sup>0</sup> in sealable plastic bags for 2-5 days.

#### Further Reading

- 1. Grove and Randall, 1955, Assay Methods of Antibiotics Medical Encyclopedia, Inc, New York.
- 2. Schmidt and Moyer, 1944; J. Bact, 47:199.
- 3. United States Pharmacopoeia/ National Formulary (USP 28/NF 23), 2005. US Pharmacopeial Convention Inc, Rockville, Md.

4. Tests and Methods of Assay of Antibiotics and Antibiotic containing Drugs, FDA, CFR, 1983. Title 21, part 436, Subpart D, Washington, D.C. U.S Government printing office, paragraphs 436, 100-436, 106 pg 242-259 (April 1).

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